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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

RECIO ET AL.

Examiner

Dung Dinh

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,4-6,10-21 and 24-29 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2,3,7-9,22 and 23 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1, 4-6, 10-15, 16-21, 24-29 are rejected under 35

U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Rekhter et al. US patent 6,339,595.

As per claim 1, Rekhter teaches a distributed system comprising:

a first subnet (fig.1 CE) including a first group of endnodes each with a unique location identifier (IP address) within the first subnet;

a second subnet (fig.1 CE1) including a second group of endnodes each with a unique location identifier (IP address) within the second subnet;

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a communication fabric (fig.1 PE1, P1, P2, PE2) physically coupled the first group and second group of endnodes (see col.6 lines 17-25); and

a partition mechanism associating a first partition key (VPN W tag) to every DLID in the first subnet for enabling communication between the first group of endnodes over the communication fabric and a second partition key (VPN V tag) to every DLID in the second subnet for enabling communication between the second group of endnodes over the communication fabric. (see col.6 lines 35 to 60, col.9 lines 27-44).

As per claims 4-6, Rekhter teaches each subnet including multiple partition managers (PE and CE routers).

As per claims 10, Rekhter teaches inserting partition key in a frame send by a source node (col.3 lines 37-45);

As per claims 11-15, Rekhter teaches accepting the frame is the key matches (col.9 lines 50-61) and storing the partition key in the frame header a frame key value (col.7 lines 24-49). It is inherent that the key value is obtained key value is obtained from the header by performing a logical operation.

As per claim 16-21 and 24-29 they are rejected under similar rationale as for claims 1, 4-6 and 10-15 above.

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Allowable Subject Matter

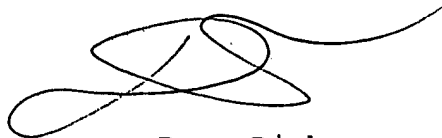
Claims 2-3, 7-9 and 22-23 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dung Dinh whose telephone number is (571) 272-3943. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Glenton Burgess can be reached at (571) 272-3949.

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